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*The* **DOLL MAN**  
MIGHTIEST OF MITES  
conquers EVIL and CRUELTY!  
—and Something  
NEW has been  
ADDED!



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# 1/3 DOLL MAN

WHERE THE OVERGROWN HULKS OF SIZE AND STRENGTH MAY BLUNDER -- THE DOLL MAN, MIGHTIEST OF MITES, CONQUERS EVIL AND CRUELTY! A STRANGE DRUG GAVE DARREL DANE THE POWER TO CHANGE, BY AN EFFORT OF WILL, INTO THE DOLL MAN -- NOT VERY TALL, BUT A GIANT IN STRENGTH, WIT AND COURAGE!

HELLO, DOLL MAN!  
... I'M MIDGE!

NO ENEMY TOO BIG! NO ENEMY TOO SMALL! THUS THE DOLL MAN HAS FOUGHT ALONE...  
... UNTIL NOW!





DARREL DANE  
IS IN A MEDITATIVE  
MOOD TONIGHT...

I'VE HAD  
CURIOUS ADVENTURES  
AS THE DOLL MAN,  
WON FURIOUS FIGHTS  
AGAINST MIGHTY ADVERSARIES  
-BUT IT'S BEEN LONESOME!  
SOMETIMES I WISH  
I HAD A  
PARTNER!

WHILE AT ANOTHER FIRESIDE SITS MARTHA  
ROBERTS, DARREL DANE'S FIANCEE, WHO  
ONCE OR TWICE ALMOST GUESSED HIS SECRET...

THE DOLL  
MAN! ... SO  
MUCH HEROISM  
IN SO TINY A  
BODY! I WISH I  
COULD HELP HIM  
IN HIS BATTLE  
FOR THE RIGHT  
THINGS!

THUS TWO WILLS CONCENTRATE ON A  
SINGLE THOUGHT!

IF ONLY THE  
DOLL MAN  
HAD A  
PARTNER!

STARS AND  
PLANETS  
WHIRL IN A  
MAD DANCE!  
THEN...

WH-WHAT'S  
HAPPENING  
TO ME!

IF ONLY I  
COULD HELP  
THE DOLL MAN  
ACTIVELY!

AND...

I'M  
FALLING!  
-OR  
SHRINKING!  
-OR  
BOTH!...

BY A  
STRANGE  
COMBINATION  
OF WILL  
POWERS,  
MARTHA  
HAS  
SHRUNK  
TO THE  
SIZE  
OF THE  
DOLL  
MAN!

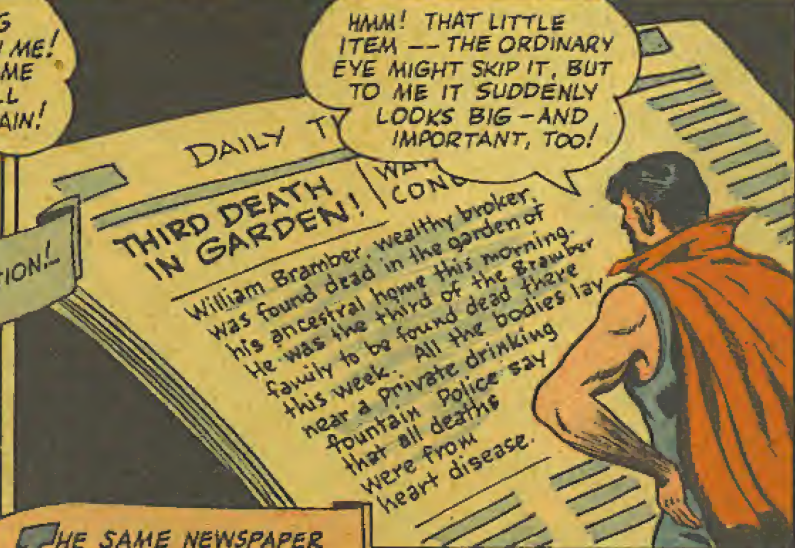
OH-H-H! ...  
NOW I'M ONLY  
SIX INCHES  
HIGH!





MY WISHING  
WORKED ON ME!  
I'VE BECOME  
THE DOLL  
MAN AGAIN!

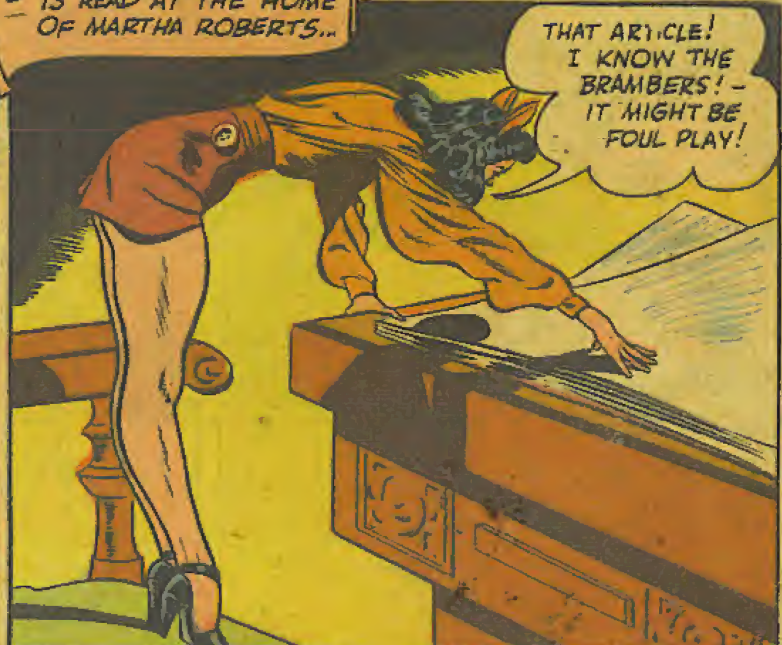
A SIMILAR  
TRANSFORMATION!



THE SAME NEWSPAPER  
IS READ AT THE HOME  
OF MARTHA ROBERTS...



IF IT'S  
MURDER,  
I'LL TRY  
TO FIND  
THE KILLER!









**Y**ET ANOTHER PERSON ARRIVES  
AT THE GARDEN! ...

OOHHH! WHAT  
A HORRIBLE  
MONSTER!



**GA-LOMP!**

EEEEEEK!  
WORSE  
STILL!



I'LL BE  
EATEN  
ALIVE!



SAVE ME!  
SAVE  
ME!

WELL!...  
I'LL  
BE --

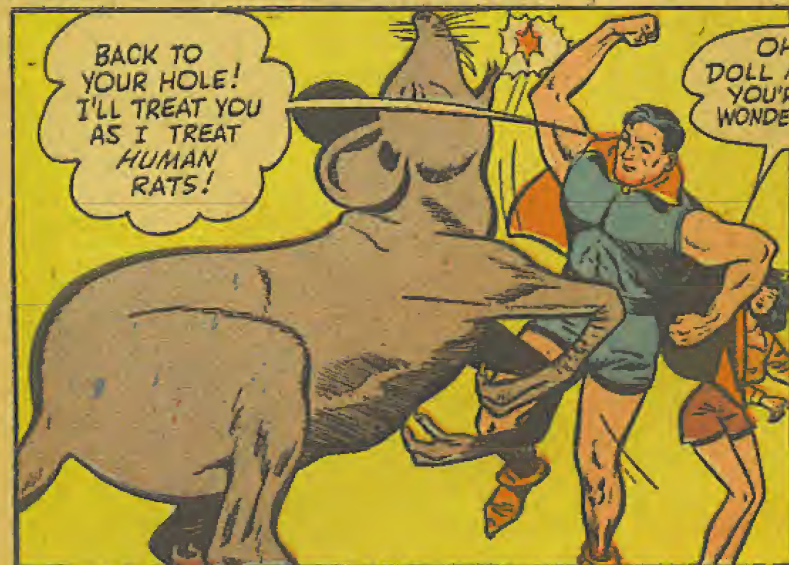


BACK TO  
YOUR HOLE!  
I'LL TREAT YOU  
AS I TREAT  
HUMAN  
RATS!

OH --  
DOLL MAN!  
YOU'RE  
WONDERFUL!

WHY SHOULDN'T  
I KNOW YOUR NAME?  
DOESN'T EVERYBODY  
KNOW THE FAMOUS  
DOLL MAN?

I'VE  
ALWAYS  
WISHED FOR  
SOMEONE MY  
SIZE -- TO  
SHARE MY  
ADVENTURES!







SPEAKING OF NAMES - WHAT'S YOURS?

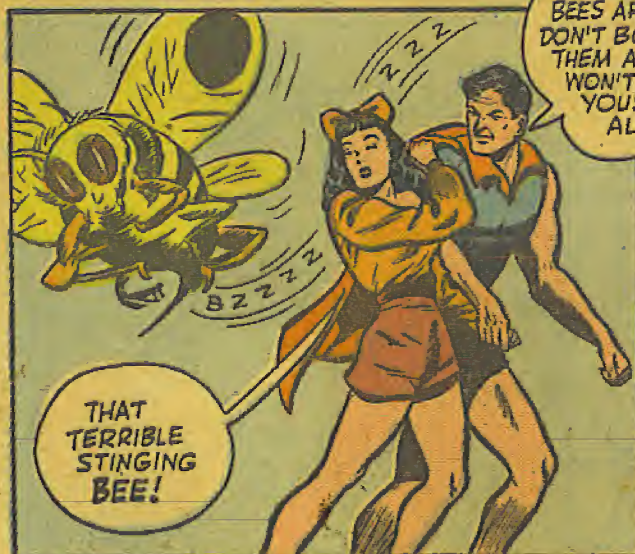
WHY - THAT --  
ER - WHAT SHOULD IT BE BUT M ---  
ER, THAT IS ---



"M ---" - WHAT'S THE REST OF IT?



YOU MAY CALL ME -- MIDGE! AND, AS YOU SAY, I'M HERE TO SHARE YOUR ADVENTURES! - THIS BRAMBER MYSTERY, FOR INSTANCE!



BEES ARE OKAY! DON'T BOTHER THEM AND THEY WON'T BOTHER YOU! - COME ALONG!

THAT TERRIBLE STINGING BEE!



THE DRINKING FOUNTAIN, EH? LET ME HAVE A LOOK!

DON'T GO NEAR IT!



I SENSE SOME HORRIBLE FATE CLOSE BY! PLEASE, JOE! I BEG YOU, IF YOU HAVE ANY FEELING FOR ME - COME AWAY!

WHY - OF COURSE, SABINA, IF YOU INSIST!



YOU TREMBLE SO! YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT MY SAFETY!

I FEEL AS IF FATE MEANT US FOR EACH OTHER, JOE - DON'T YOU?



BUT TWO OTHERS APPROACH THE  
SCENE OF THREE DEATHS ...

AS THAT  
GIRL SAID  
TO THE BOY-  
BE CAREFUL!

BUT I'M  
NOT JOE  
BRAMBER!  
I'M THE DOLL  
MAN! I WANT  
A CLOSE  
LOOK!

LOOK, DOLL  
MAN! - THAT  
BIRD'S THIRSTY!  
I'LL JUMP ON  
THE PEDAL  
AND GIVE IT  
A DRINK!

CAREFUL,  
MIDGE!

THE DOLL MAN SPEAKS HIS WARNING TOO  
LATE! AS MIDGE PUTS HER WEIGHT ON  
THE PEDAL, WATER SPURTS ON THE BIRD!

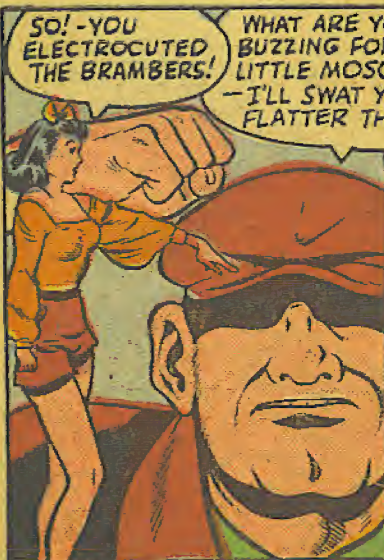
POOR THING!  
IT FELL DEAD,  
AS IF STRUCK  
BY LIGHTNING!

THAT'S JUST WHAT HAPPENED!  
THE FOUNTAIN IS ELECTRICALLY  
WIRED! THE STREAM OF  
WATER STRIKES WHOEVER  
DRINKS, WITH A  
POWERFUL  
CURRENT!

- AND THE WIRES  
LEAD TO THAT  
LITTLE SHACK,  
HIDDEN IN THE  
GARDEN!

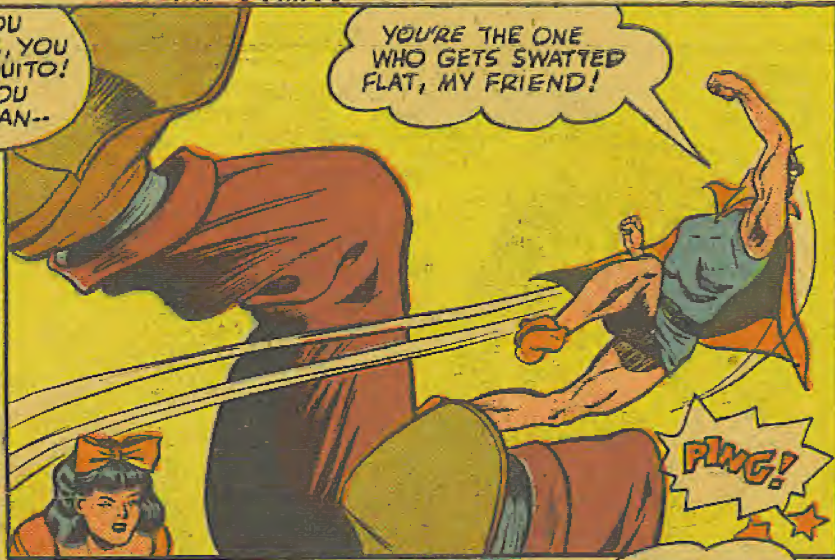
HERE'S THE  
REASON FOR THOSE  
DEATHS! THE POLICE  
SAID HEART DISEASE  
- BUT IT WAS REALLY  
ELECTRIC SHOCK!





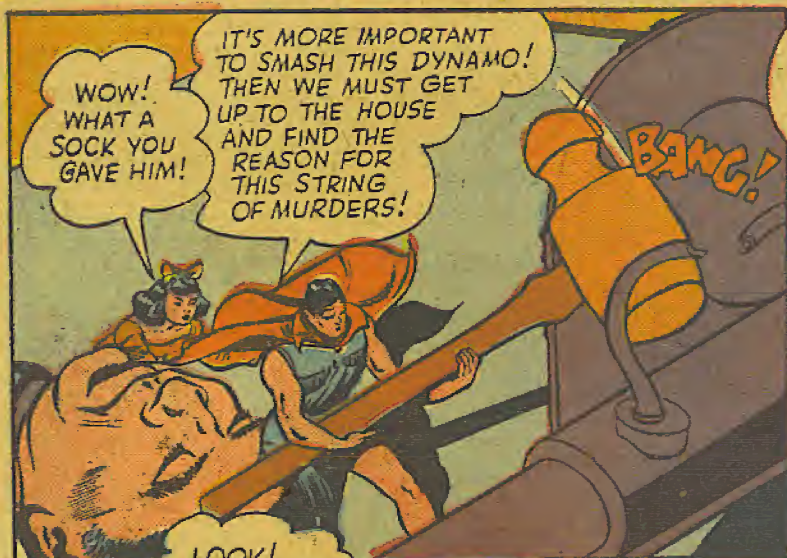
SO! -YOU  
ELECTROCUTED  
THE BRAMBERS!

WHAT ARE YOU  
BUZZING FOR, YOU  
LITTLE MOSQUITO!  
-I'LL SWAT YOU  
FLATTER THAN--



YOU'RE THE ONE  
WHO GETS SWATTED  
FLAT, MY FRIEND!

PING!



WOW!  
WHAT A  
SOCK YOU  
GAVE HIM!

IT'S MORE IMPORTANT  
TO SMASH THIS DYNAMO!  
THEN WE MUST GET  
UP TO THE HOUSE  
AND FIND THE  
REASON FOR  
THIS STRING  
OF MURDERS!



WHAH!...  
HE ALMOST  
TORE MY  
HEAD  
OFF!

SERVES YOU  
RIGHT! YOU  
DIDN'T GUARD  
YOURSELF -  
OR EVEN  
THINK!



LOOK!  
MY DYNAMO!  
... ALL  
SMASHED!



IT'S JUST AS  
WELL! JOE  
BRAMBER MUST  
NOT DIE IN  
THAT WAY OR  
ANY OTHER -  
JUST YET!

WHAT  
DO YOU  
MEAN,  
BOSS?

I'D HAVE TOO  
MUCH TROUBLE  
EXPLAINING!  
YOU WOULDN'T  
UNDERSTAND  
A REALLY  
CLEVER  
CRIME!





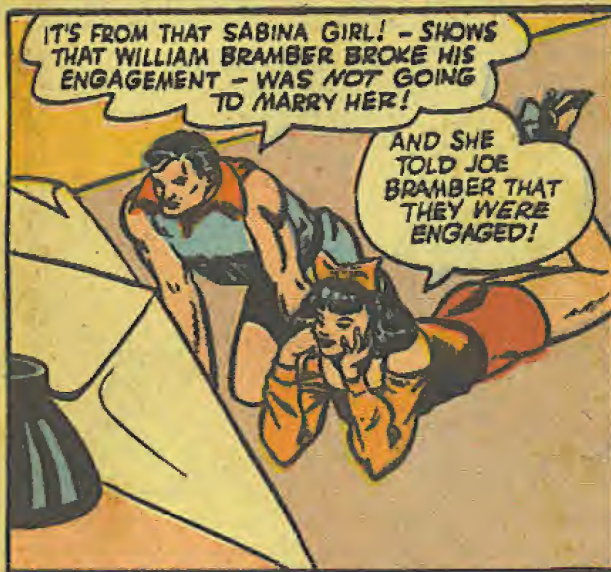
HERE'S AN OPEN WINDOW!

YES-AND IF I REMEMBER THE BRAMBER HOUSE RIGHTLY, JUST BEYOND, THERE'S AN INNER VAULT-ROOM FOR PRIVATE PAPERS!

INTERESTING! THIS SHOWS THAT WILLIAM BRAMBER WAS EXCEEDINGLY WEALTHY AFTER HIS RELATIVES DIED! A MILLIONAIRE!



IT MAY NOT BE POLITE TO READ PRIVATE LETTERS- BUT LOOK!...



IT'S FROM THAT SABINA GIRL! - SHOWS THAT WILLIAM BRAMBER BROKE HIS ENGAGEMENT - WAS NOT GOING TO MARRY HER!

AND SHE TOLD JOE BRAMBER THAT THEY WERE ENGAGED!



DO YOU SUPPOSE SHE WANTED WILLIAM BRAMBER'S MONEY - AND HAD HIM KILLED SO JOE WOULD INHERIT - AND BE A NEW VICTIM FOR HER CHARMIS?

HERE COMES SOMEBODY! HIDE! QUICK!



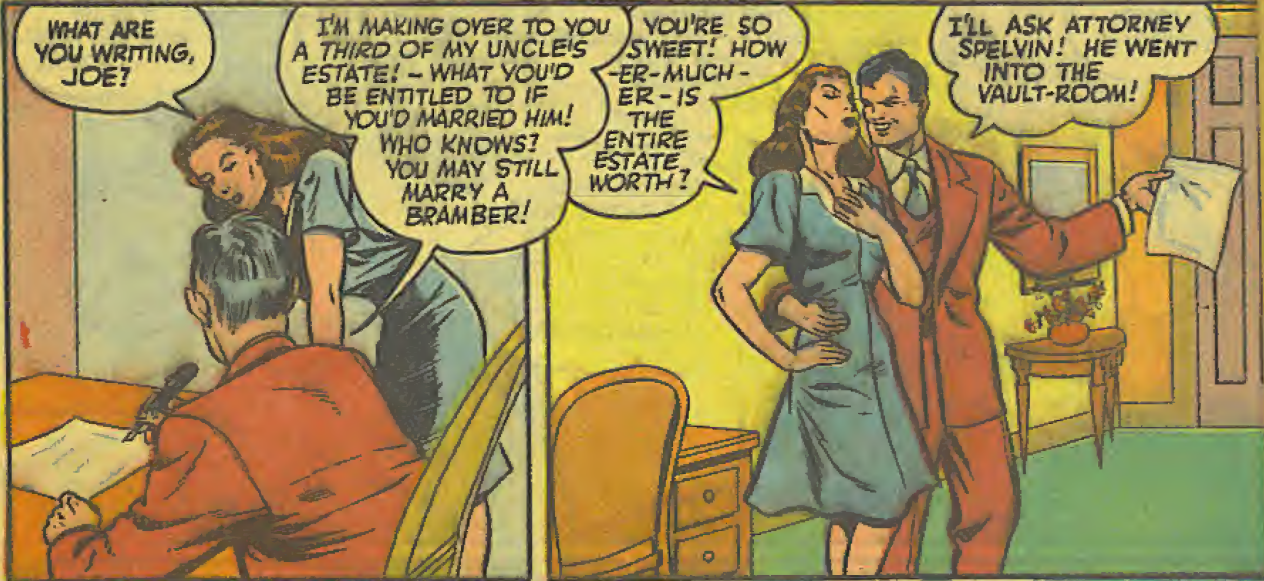
THESE LETTERS - DAMAGING EVIDENCE! I'LL BURN THEM BEFORE JOE SEES THEM!

NO, YOU DON'T!

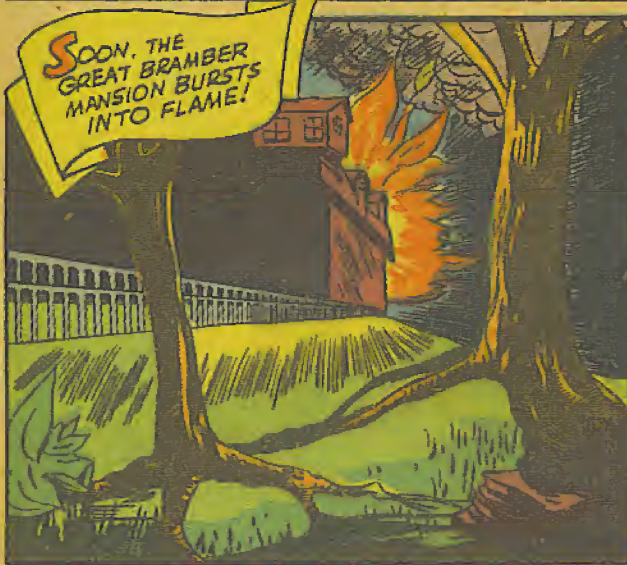
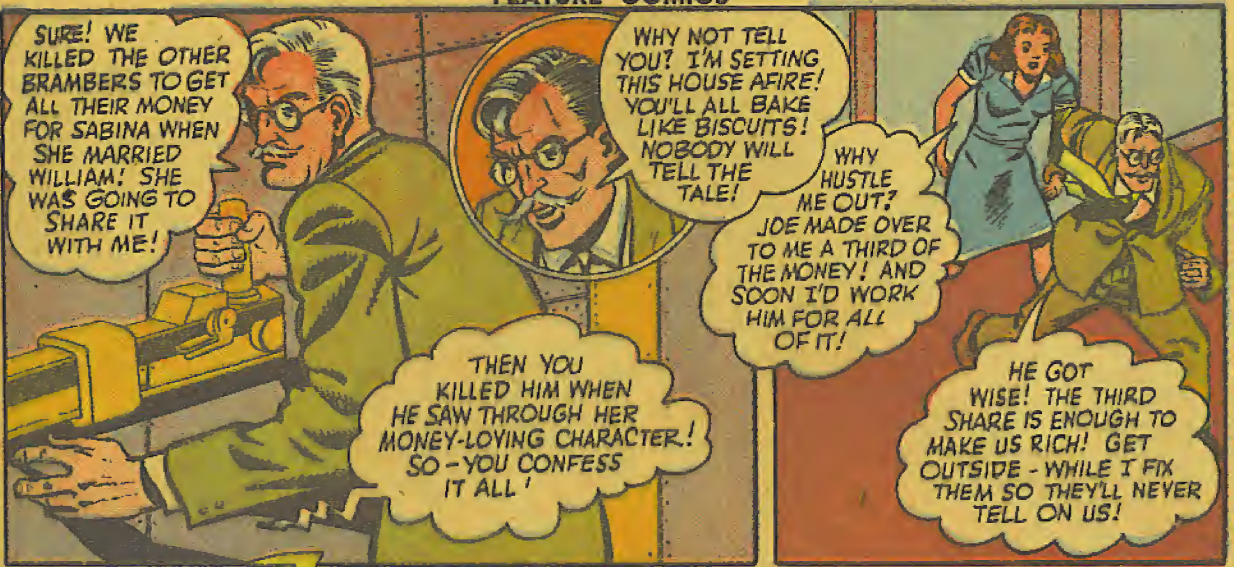


THOSE LETTERS ARE NEEDED TO CONVICT YOU SWINDLING KILLERS!













HURRY, MIDGE!  
WE'RE ROASTING  
IN HERE!

I'LL HAVE  
YOU OUT IN  
A SPLIT  
SECOND!



AND, AT A NEARBY CAFÉ ...

A DRINK TO  
SETTLE OUR NERVES!  
THEN, BEFORE THE FIRE  
DEPARTMENT COMES, I'LL  
CALL A TAXI AND  
WE'LL LEAVE!



ANOTHER SOCK  
IN THE JAW FOR YOU,  
SPELVIN! IT'S  
GETTING TO  
BE FUN!

SIT WHERE  
YOU ARE,  
SABINA!

BUT I CAN  
BE ROUGH! -  
DON'T MOVE!  
I MEAN  
IT!

I'M GETTING  
OUT! - YOU  
WOULDN'T DARE  
BE ROUGH  
WITH A  
WOMAN!

HELLO, POLICE! THE  
DOLL MAN AGAIN! COME  
AND PICK UP THE TWO  
WHO MURDERED  
THOSE THREE  
BRAMBERS AND  
MADE IT LOOK  
LIKE HEART  
DISEASE!



THAT'S THE  
STORY, SERGEANT!  
THE WIRING AT THE FOUNTAIN  
WILL BE EVIDENCE! LIKEWISE  
THE ATTENDANT IN THAT  
SHACK! - AND JOE  
HAS HIS UNCLE'S  
LETTERS!

SWELL WORK,  
DOLL MAN!  
- COME ALONG,  
YOU  
KILLERS!



PLEASE, MR. SERGEANT!  
ARE YOU TAKING  
ME AWAY?

YEAH,  
LADY!  
- TO THE  
STATION!







# Rusty RYAN and The Boyville Brigadiers



THE BOYVILLE BRIGADIERS HAVE DROPPED ANCHOR IN THE HARBOR OF HOWALLA, A SOUTH SEAS METROPOLIS AS YET UNTOUCHED BY WAR, BUT....







YO' WUNTS TO DO  
SOME CUTTIN, EH?  
AH'S A EXPERT  
AT DAT!



**BOOMP!**  
THUS ALABABA  
CONQUERS!



WHOOH!  
WE'VE GOT  
THEM ON  
THE RUN!

NO CHEERS,  
BOYS! THIS  
MAN'S  
HURT!



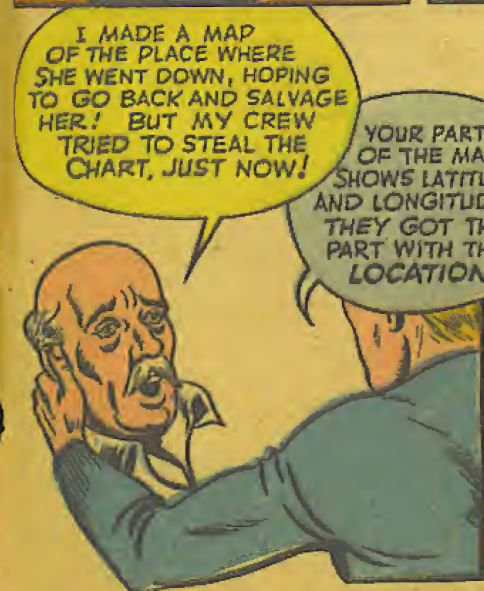
I'M RUSTY  
RYAN, AND THESE  
ARE THE BOYVILLE  
BRIGADIERS!

I'M CAPTAIN  
COOPER ...  
THEY STABBED  
ME! I'M DYING--  
BUT THEY GOT  
ONLY HALF  
MY MAP!



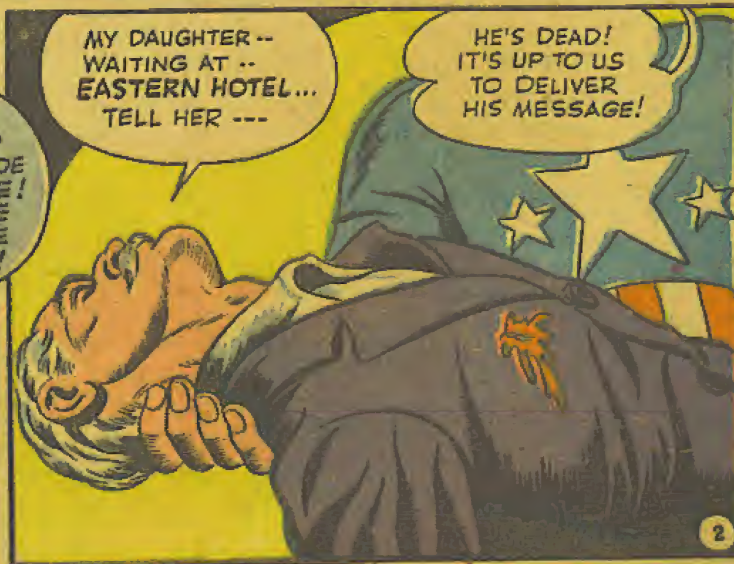
I COMMANDED THE  
SHIP THAT FOUND THE  
BLACK PIRATE  
TREASURE --ON  
AN UNCHARTED  
ISLAND --BUT WE  
FOUNDRED IN  
A STORM!...

THIS IS  
ONLY A  
SET OF  
FIGURES!



I MADE A MAP  
OF THE PLACE WHERE  
SHE WENT DOWN, HOPING  
TO GO BACK AND SALVAGE  
HER! BUT MY CREW  
TRIED TO STEAL THE  
CHART, JUST NOW!

YOUR PART  
OF THE MAP  
SHOWS LATITUDE  
AND LONGITUDE!  
THEY GOT THE  
PART WITH THE  
LOCATION!



MY DAUGHTER --  
WAITING AT --  
EASTERN HOTEL...  
TELL HER ---

HE'S DEAD!  
IT'S UP TO US  
TO DELIVER  
HIS MESSAGE!





I WON'T WEEP OVER DADDY! HE DIED AS HE WANTED TO --- FIGHTING! BUT NOW I'M ALONE WITHOUT ANY MONEY!

NOT QUITE, MISS COOPER!

THIS IS PART OF THE MAP THAT SHOWS WHERE THE SUNKEN TREASURE IS WAITING! YOU CAN BE RICH IF YOU FIND IT!

BUT WHAT GOOD IS HALF A MAP?



IN AN EVIL DIVE ACROSS THE TOWN, THE SAME QUESTION ARISES!

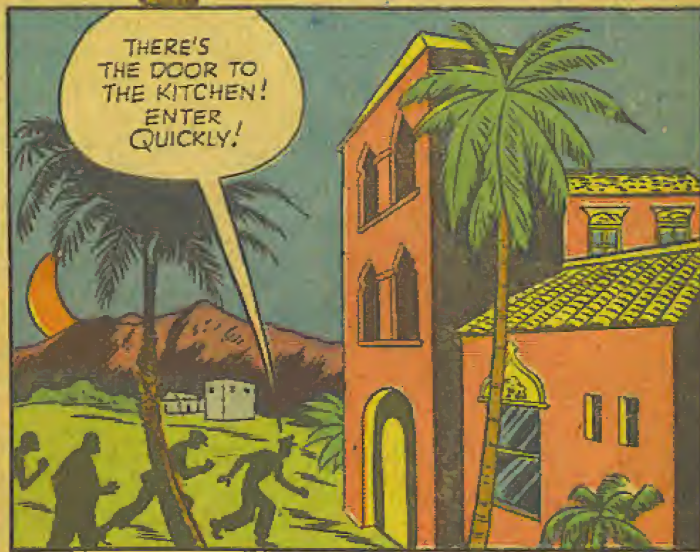
WHAT GOOD IS HALF A MAP?

THIS HALF SHOWS THE LOCATION OF THE WRECK--SUNK OFF THE ISLAND--BUT NOT THE LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE!



THE CAPTAIN HAD A DAUGHTER... AT THE EASTERN HOTEL...

MAYBE SHE CAN GIVE US THE REST OF THE INFORMATION!



THERE'S THE DOOR TO THE KITCHEN! ENTER QUICKLY!



WHO'D OF THUNK I'D FIND MY OWN COUSIN! COOKIN' IN DIS 'HOTEL'!!

HOW'S AUNT HAGAR, PIERPONT --AN' ALL DE FOLKSES IN HAILEM?



NOT A SOUND--OR IT WILL BE YOUR LAST!

TIE THEM UP!



GUARD THEM HERE! I'VE FOUND JUST THE DISGUISE I NEED!

MISS COOPER ASKED FOR THIS SPECIAL ORDER! I'LL TAKE IT TO HER PERSONALLY!

WHO IS IT?

SPECIAL ORDER, MISS COOPER!

KITCHEN

SECOND FLOOR--  
ROOM 213!

213

BUT I DIDN'T ORDER ANYTHING!

THEN I'LL ORDER YOU-- TO GIVE ME THE OTHER HALF OF THE TREASURE MAP!

NOT A SOUND! QUICK! HAND IT OVER!

SUPPOSE I REFUSE?

THESE FLAMES MAY MELT YOUR RESERVE! NO ESCAPE FOR YOU -- MY MEN GUARD THE ONLY ONES WHO KNOW US -- IN THE KITCHEN!

WHAT? A WATCH-CHAIN WITH NO WATCH?

YASSUH! JEST A ZOOT SUIT ACKSESSERY!

THAT'S STUPID! THE CHAIN HAS NO USE!

OH, IT KIN BE CONVENIENT!













FIRST GRAB HIS WRIST--  
A PUSH IN HIS FACE HELPS  
YOU TO STRAIGHTEN  
HIS ARM!



THEN LAY HIS ARM  
ACROSS YOUR KNEE!...  
IF HE DOESN'T DROP THE  
KNIFE, BREAK  
HIS ARM!

OH-H-H!



FINALLY, FOLLOW  
THROUGH AND APPLY  
A HAMMERLOCK,  
UNTIL HE ---

DON'T!!  
I'LL TELL!...  
THE PAIN'S  
TOO  
GREAT!



HERE COME  
THE ISLAND  
POLICE!



A SPLENDID JOB! YOU  
BOYVILLE BRIGADIERS ARE  
MAKING A REPUTATION  
THROUGH ALL THIS  
PART OF THE  
PACIFIC!

THANKS,  
OFFICER!



LOOK! HERE'S  
ALL THE INFORMATION  
ABOUT THE  
TREASURE!



NOW IT'S  
ALL CLEAR!

THE TREASURE'S AS  
GOOD AS YOURS,  
MISS COOPER!  
YOU'RE RICH!!

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